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**Directions:** Choose the word or phrase in each list closest in meaning to the vocabulary word. Select eight of the words and use them in a rhyming or free verse poem.

- 1. inexplicably: (a) understandably (b) cautiously (c) mysteriously (d) closely
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. contrails: (a) vapor trails (b) cattails (c) railroad ties (d) mountainous trails
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. undulating: (a) calculating (b) regulating (c) rolling (d) doubting
- 4. atavistic: (a) attractive (b) primitive (c) visible (d) modern
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. gesticulating: (a) creating (b) regurgitating (c) signaling (d) singing
- 6. **cravenly:** (a) cowardly (b) boldly (c) encouragingly (d) cautiously
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. corpulent: (a) military officer (b) corpuscle damage (c) slim (d) fat
- 8. dissipation: (a) uprightness (b) debauchery (c) precipitation (d) distribution
- 9. effrontery: (a) forward (b) respect (c) impudence (d) cowardice
- 10. fiduciary: (a) holding in trust (b) leading to distrust (c) governmental collapse (d) superfluous
- 11. holocaust: (a) sacred ceremony (b) unjust cause (c) massive destruction
  (d) peaceful settlement
- \_\_\_\_\_12. improvident: (a) negligent (b) careful (c) unproven (d) influential
- \_\_\_\_\_13. infamy: (a) honor (b) familial honor (c) resolution (d) atrocity
- \_\_\_\_\_14. moratorium: (a) mortal fear (b) public assistance (c) suspension (d) mausoleum
- \_\_\_\_\_15. pugnacious: (a) snub-nosed (b) confrontational (c) peaceable (d) obstinate
- \_\_\_\_\_16. fastidious: (a) particular (b) lenient (c) swift (d) silly
- \_\_\_\_\_17. noxious: (a) mischievous (b) harmless (c) deadly (d) gaseous
- \_\_\_\_\_18. septic: (a) healthy (b) infected (c) skeptical (d) staid
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19. macadam: (a) pavement (b) large boulders (c) type of nut (d) majestic mountains
  - 20. unorthodox: (a) traditional (b) religious (c) study of orthodontics
    (d) unconventional
  - \_\_\_\_ 21. emaciated: (a) rotund (b) shrunken (c) emancipated (d) earnest

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### **Character Web**

**Directions:** Complete the attribute web below by filling in information specific to Randy.



## Solving Problems

**Directions:** List six problems the characters in the novel face. Then complete the rest of the chart.

Problem	Character's Solution	Outcome without Character's Solution

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